

Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2010
New Orleans, LA

A special meeting of the *Louisiana State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (Board)*, was called to order at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at Children's Hospital 200, Henry Clay Avenue, Boardroom A, New Orleans, LA 70130. Present were Board Members, Drs. Jillandra Rovaris, Joseph Comaty, and John C. Courtney, and Executive Director, Jaime Monic. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the meeting held on March 26, 2010 with the LSBEP Liaison to Professional Organizations and Boards Committee, the Licensed Professional Counselors Committee on Scope of Practice, the Louisiana Psychological Association and the Louisiana Counselors Association.

Ms. Monic provided the Board with copies of letters drafted by Attorney Amy Groves Lowe in response to the March 26th meeting regarding the LPC Board's position on appraisals, SB 213 and HB 742. After discussion, Dr. Comaty moved that the Board respond to the LPC Board with the letter drafted by Attorney Lowe. The motion unanimously passed. After reviewing the letters to the Joint Legislative Committee on Health and Welfare voicing concerns over the proposed legislation on behalf of the Board, Dr. Courtney moved that the Board endorse Attorney Lowe's letters with suggested revisions.

Dr. Comaty advised he was invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday, March 30, 2010 with the Louisiana Psychological Association and their lobbyist. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss SB 213 and HB 742. Dr. Comaty advised that Ms. Monic had confirmed with the Board of Ethics that such discussions would not be considered inappropriate as long as there would be no legislators present. The Board unanimously acknowledged and approved Dr. Comaty's attendance at said meeting.

Ms. Monic advised that the Governors office had appointed Dr. Tony Young to fill the vacant position of Dr. Glenn Ally, which term expires on June 30, 2012. She also reported that Dr. Dammers had rescinded his resignation with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions and that Boards and Commissions had issued a press release indicating that Dr. Dammers had been "reappointed". Ms. Monic further reported that there was some concern raised, by the Louisiana Psychological Association and others, over the language used in the press release. Marsha Yarborough at Boards and Commissions had advised her that they were reviewing the "reappointment". There was no word on the appointment to fill the regular vacancy that will occur on July 1, 2010.

11:00 a.m. Dr. Courtney moved to adjourn. The motion unanimously passed.